not more than eight feet apart, not less than ten inches in diameter and not less than six feet long, with four feet above ground, on border of mill-dam on each side, and shall spike or nail scantling not less than three inches by four inches at top of said posts and also midway of said posts from the ground to the top: Provided, however, that if trees not more than twelve feet apart grow on border of mill-dams the scantling may be nailed or spiked to them: Provided further, that in lieu of scantling smooth wire not less than one-fourth of an inch in diameter may be used.

Owner liable in damages.

Misdemeanor.
Penalty.

Sec. 2. That any owner of a water-mill who fails to comply with the above section shall be liable for all damages that may occur on account of any such failure, and shall also be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than twenty days.

Limited to counties named.

Sec. 3. That this act shall only apply to the counties of Gates and Hertford.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this 25th day of February, A. D. 1905.

CHAPTER 555.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 366 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1901 BY PROVIDING THAT THE CHAIN-GANG FOR UNION COUNTY MAY BE WORKED ON THE STREETS OF MONROE IN EVENT THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ROAD FUND SHOULD AT ANY TIME BECOME EXHAUSTED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section four of chapter three hundred and sixty-six of Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and one be and the same is hereby amended by adding after the word "roads" in the last line thereof the words "Provided, that in event the road fund for Monroe Township shall at any time become exhausted, the said road commission may work or permit to be worked on the streets of the city of Monroe in said county the chain-gang provided for in this chapter, upon condition that the said city of Monroe shall pay all actual necessary expenses of said gang during the time it may do such work, in which expense shall be included the pay of all superintendents, guards, feed for teams, food, or actual expenses of every character."

City to pay expenses.

Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 25th day of February, A. D. 1905.

Proviso: chain gang may be

worked on streets.